Beyond the Bookstore with OER

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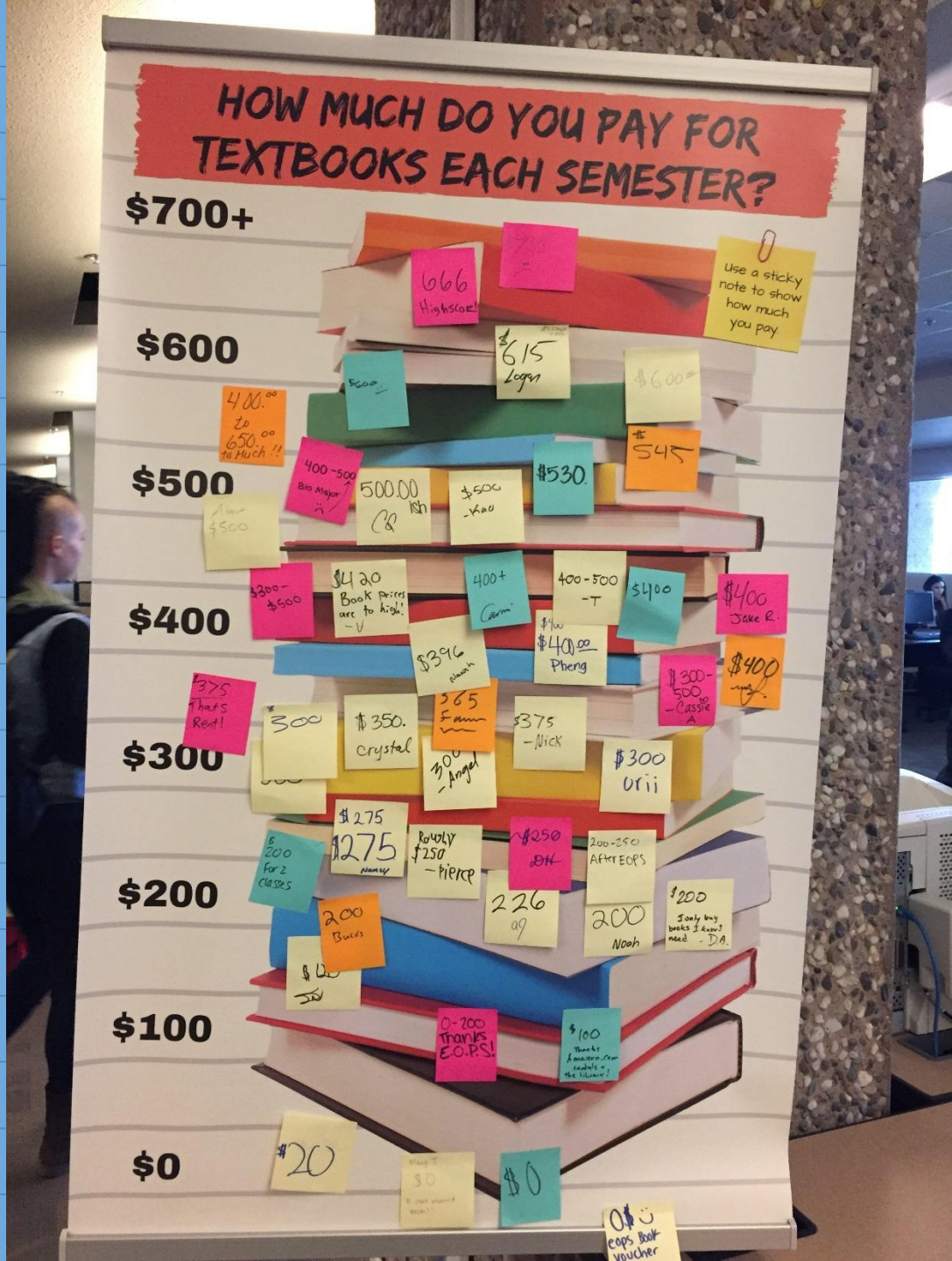
Agenda

1. The Problem
2. The Solutions
3. What is OER?
4. Who is using OER at LPC?
    a. Survey results
5. OER materials for disciplines
6. What's Next?

What's the most expensive textbook that you've seen?

*Information from survey done at Butte College



STUDENT TEXTBOOK SURVEY

Due to the cost of textbooks:

- Take fewer classes **31%**
- Do not register for a specific course **27%**
- Drop or withdraw from a course **16%**
- Not purchase textbook **40%**
- Purchase books elsewhere **76%**

- Cost of textbooks is *higher* than the cost of tuition

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It's Not a New Problem

Solutions have included:

- Library Reserves & online resources
- Department Textbook Loan Programs
- Using freely available materials on the open web
- ASLPC Textbook Loaner program
- Textbook Rentals

....and now, OER!

WHAT ARE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES?

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are teaching, learning, and research resources released under **an open license that permits their free use and repurposing by others.** OERs can be textbooks, full courses, lesson plans, videos, tests, software, or any other tool, material, or technique that supports access to knowledge.

Textbooks that are **free** to: Download, Print & Keep Copy & Share, adapt, Modify, Remix.

**Definition from SPARC: the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition*

MORE THAN JUST FREE

- Can customize to suit your class
- Opportunities for collaboration
  - Curating a book with others
  - Adding resources to what's available
- Students have access to the book right away
- Students can keep it forever
  - Students have access to current edition now & in the future
- Opportunities for lifelong learning & Information literacy

HOW DO OPEN TEXTS WORK FOR STUDENTS?

Survey of students in first semester ZTC courses

- Open Textbooks are as good or better 79%
- Would recommend this open textbook 75%
- Would like to use in other classes 80%
- Open Textbook is easy to use 78%

"This book was absolutely perfect. We need more classes to be like this. Simple, easy, and the start of 21st century learning that does not involve hundreds of dollars in physical textbooks."

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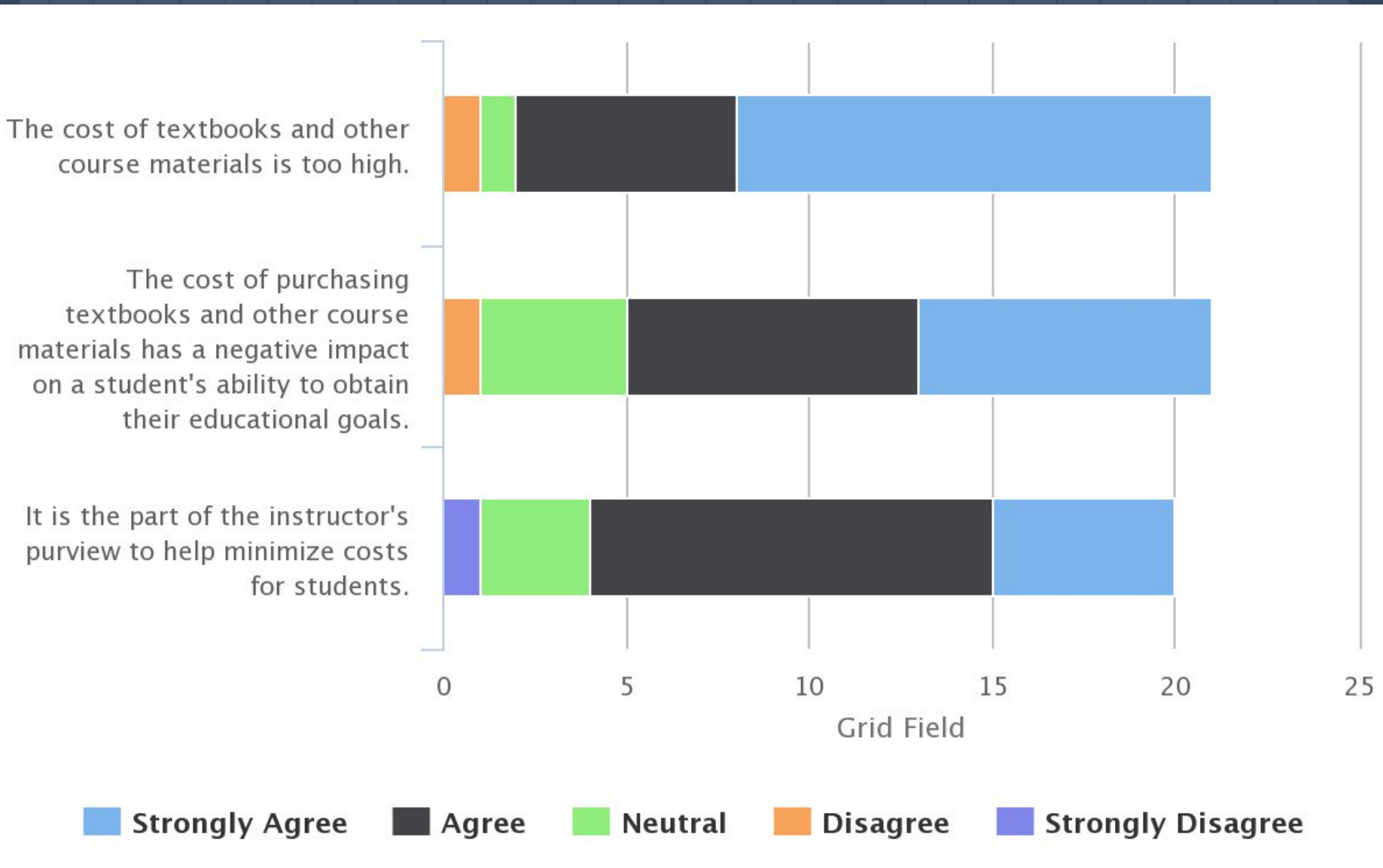
Online Educational Resources (OER) SB 1359

SB 1359 requires that all courses that offer zero-cost digital textbooks or course materials are properly identified in our online class schedule. This new requirement is mandated for all OER courses beginning in January 2018.

**https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1359*

OER at LPC: Survey Results


The cost of textbooks and other course materials is too high.
The cost of purchasing textbooks and other course materials has a negative impact on a student's ability to obtain their educational goals.
It is the part of the instructor's purview to help minimize costs for students.
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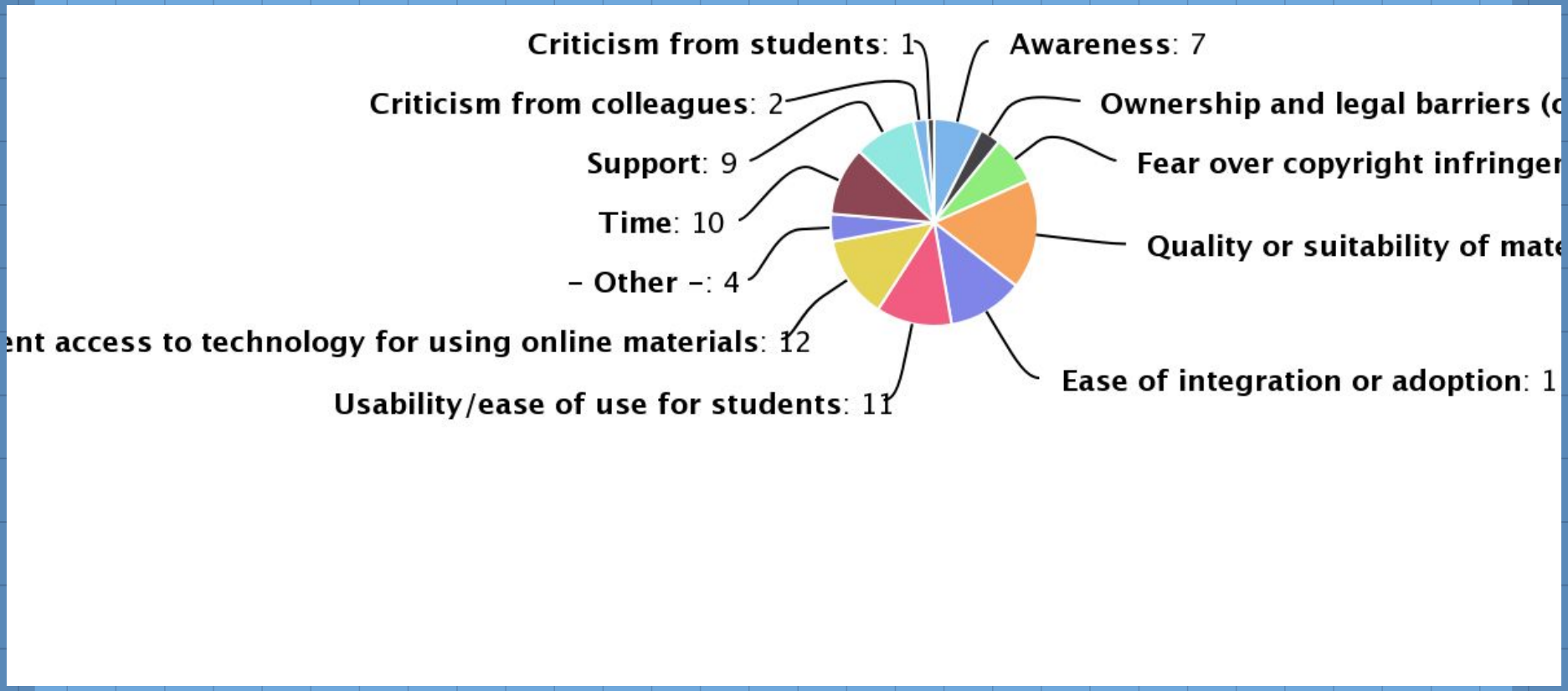
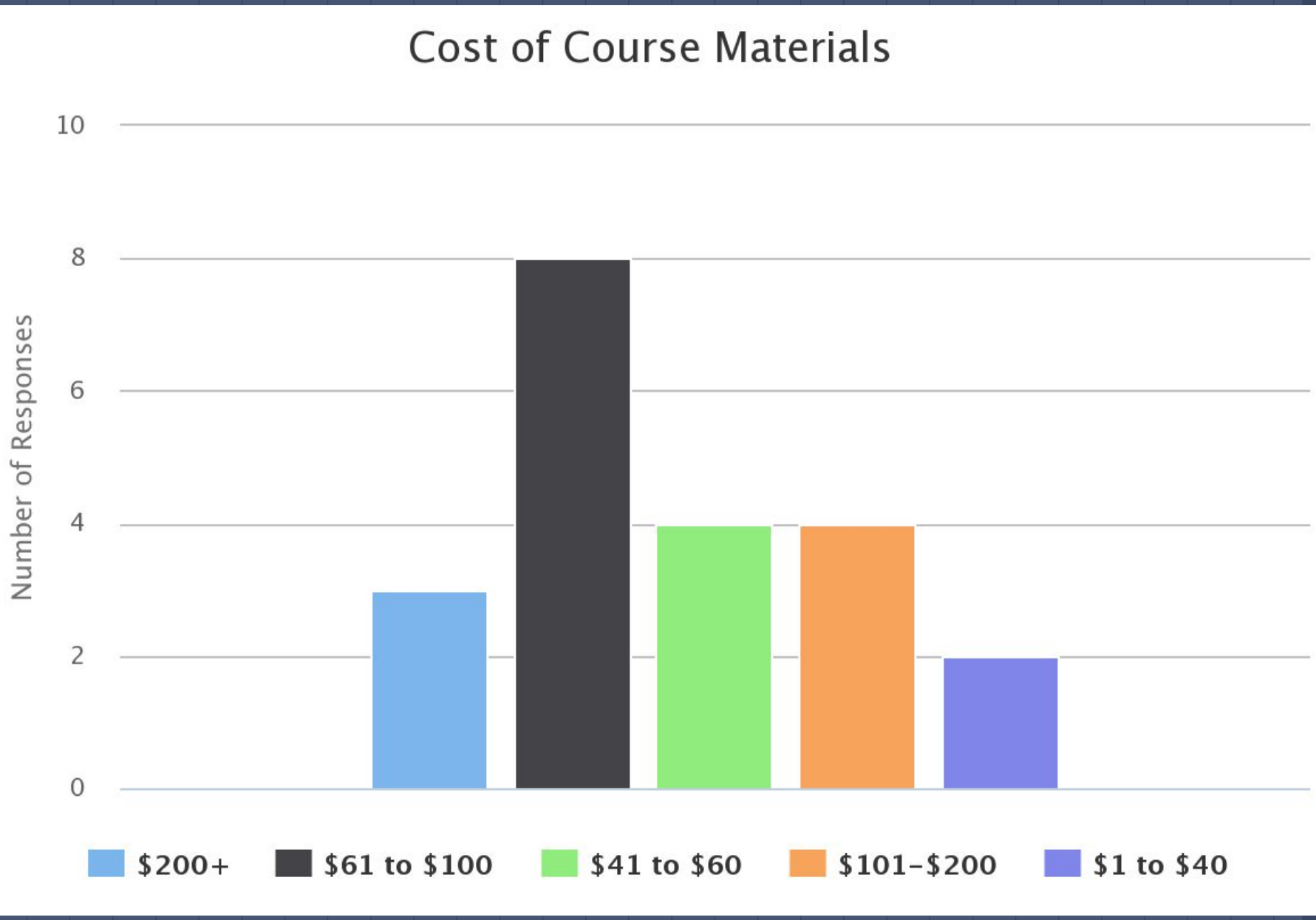
Disagree
Strongly Disagree

Biggest barrier = Quality or Suitability of materials!




Cost of Course Materials
Number of Responses
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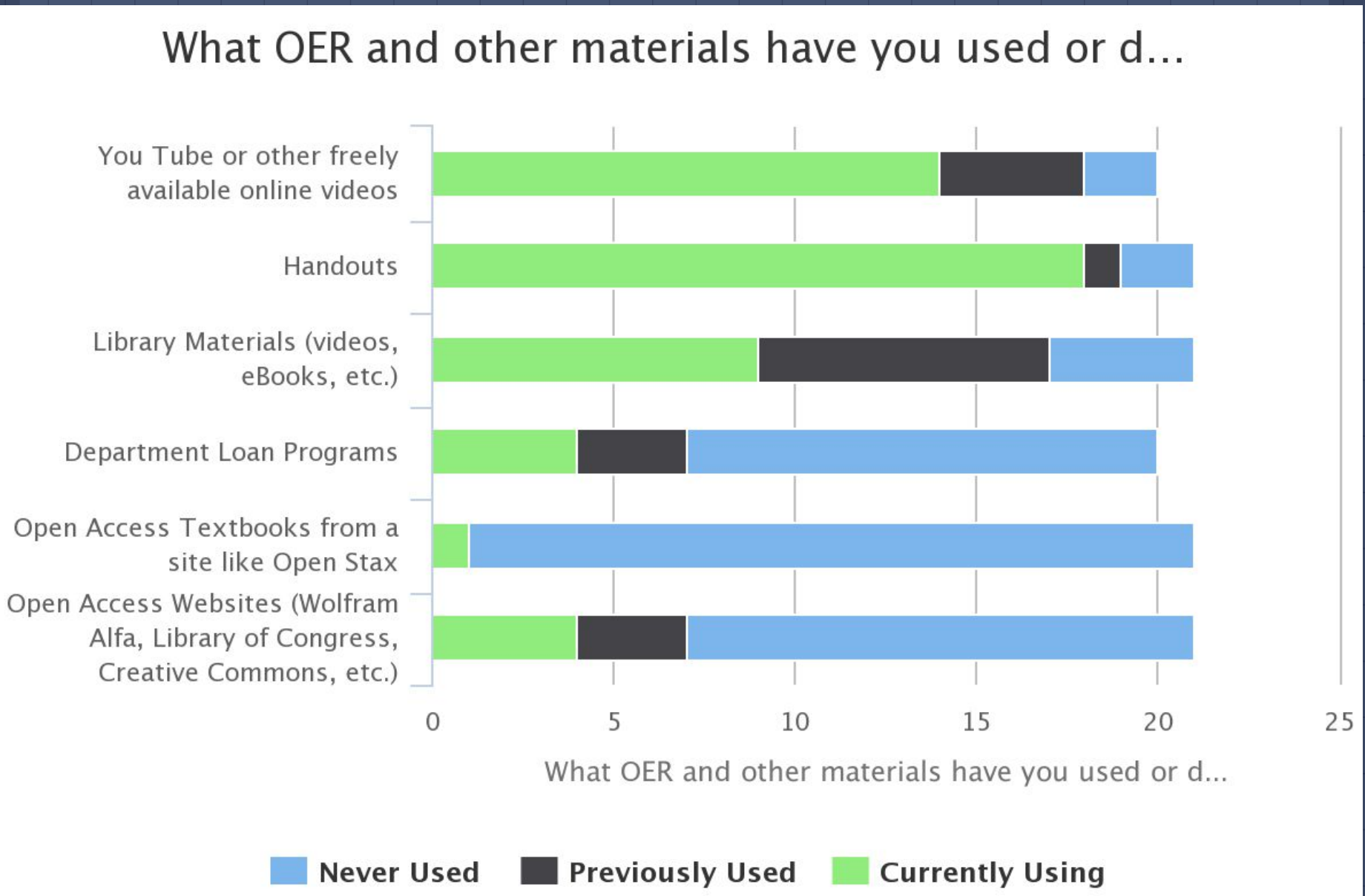
$200+
$61 to $100
$41 to $60
$101–$200
$1 to $40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You Tube or other freely available online videos
Handouts
Library Materials (videos, eBooks, etc.)
Department Loan Programs
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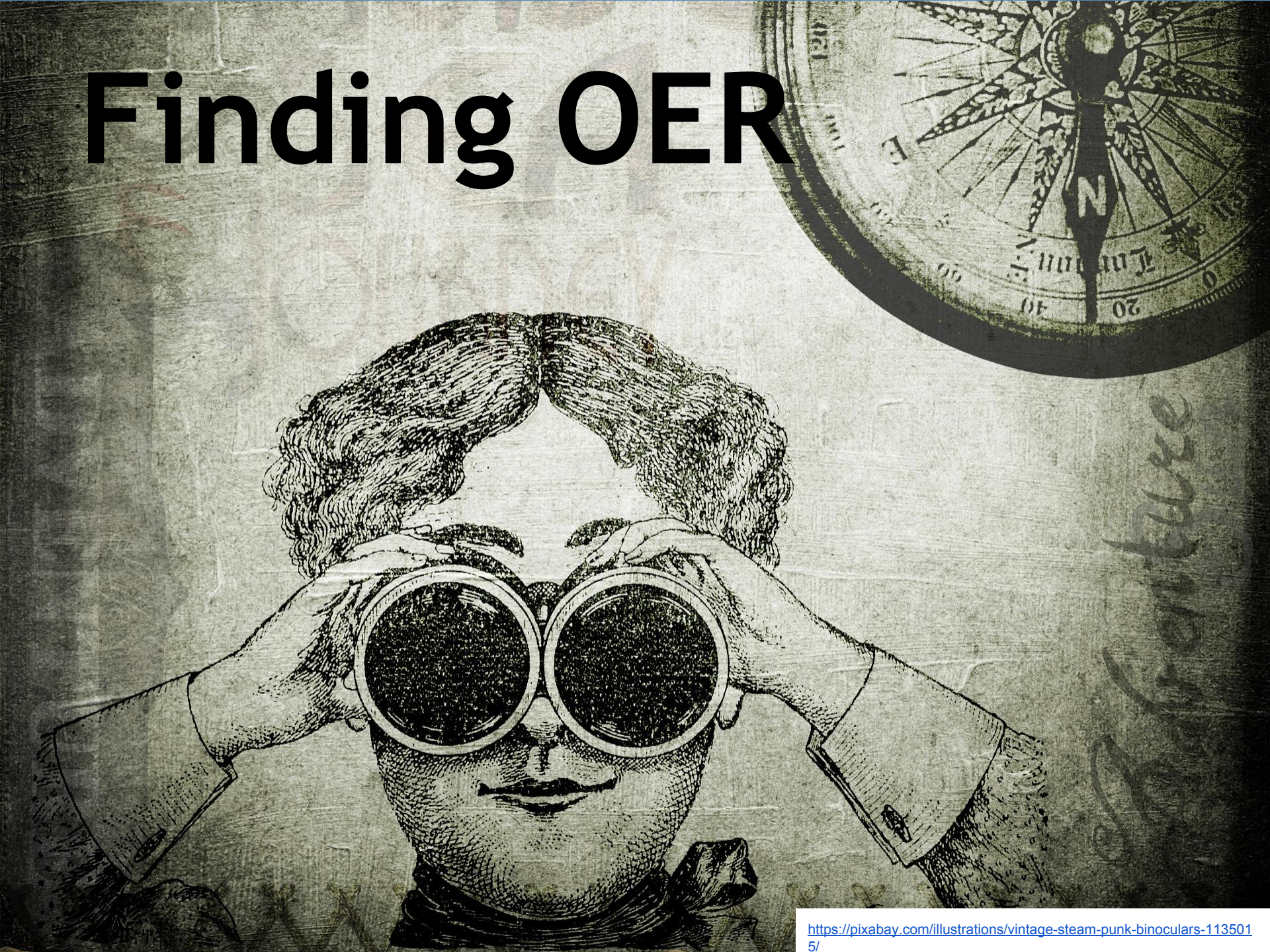
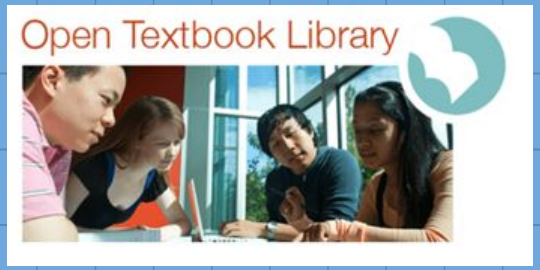
Finding OER



https://pixabay.com/illustrations/vintage-steam-punk-binoculars-1135015/

CURATED RESOURCES

- OER Commons
- COOL4Ed
- Open Oregon
- Open Textbook Library
- BC Campus
- San Bernardino Valley College
- Galileo



OER COMMONS

- Easy to search and narrow results
- Search by discipline
- Creation tools available

Content Creators & Large Collection

- Open SUNY
- OpenStax
- Lumen
- LibreText
- Skills Commons
- OER Commons
- Merlot
- Canvas Commons
- The Orange Grove
- Google - Advanced Search
  - look for “usage rights”

Search Tips

- Keyword searching is often limited
- Browse by discipline/subject matter
- If available - use limiters:
  - Discipline or subject
  - Audience or education level
  - Licence type
  - Material type: textbook, module, assessment, video, etc.

Recent Announcements

ASCCC OER Initiative

Welcome! This site is currently being developed. Please check back if an area you are interested in is not yet fully developed.

Self-enroll in this course at https://ccconlineed.instructure.com/enroll/7RJL33.
"Enrollment" is necessary to participate in Discussions.

Direct access to this page: https://tinyurl.com/ASCCC-OERI

If you are aware of a resource that you would like to see added to to this collection, please share it with the OERI

To Do

- CCCOER - Open Education Week - Faculty Dialogues
  Mar 4 at 12pm |
- CCCOER - Open Education Week - Faculty Dialogues
  Mar 5 at 12pm |
- Webinar by Open Oregon: What's an OER Librarian
  Mar 5 at 12pm |
- CCCOER - Open Education Week - Faculty Dialogues
  Mar 6 at 12pm |
- Region A-North Meeting
  Mar 7 at 11am |
- CCCOER - Open Education Week -

WHAT's NEXT at LPC?

Z-Degree: Zero-Textbook Cost Degree

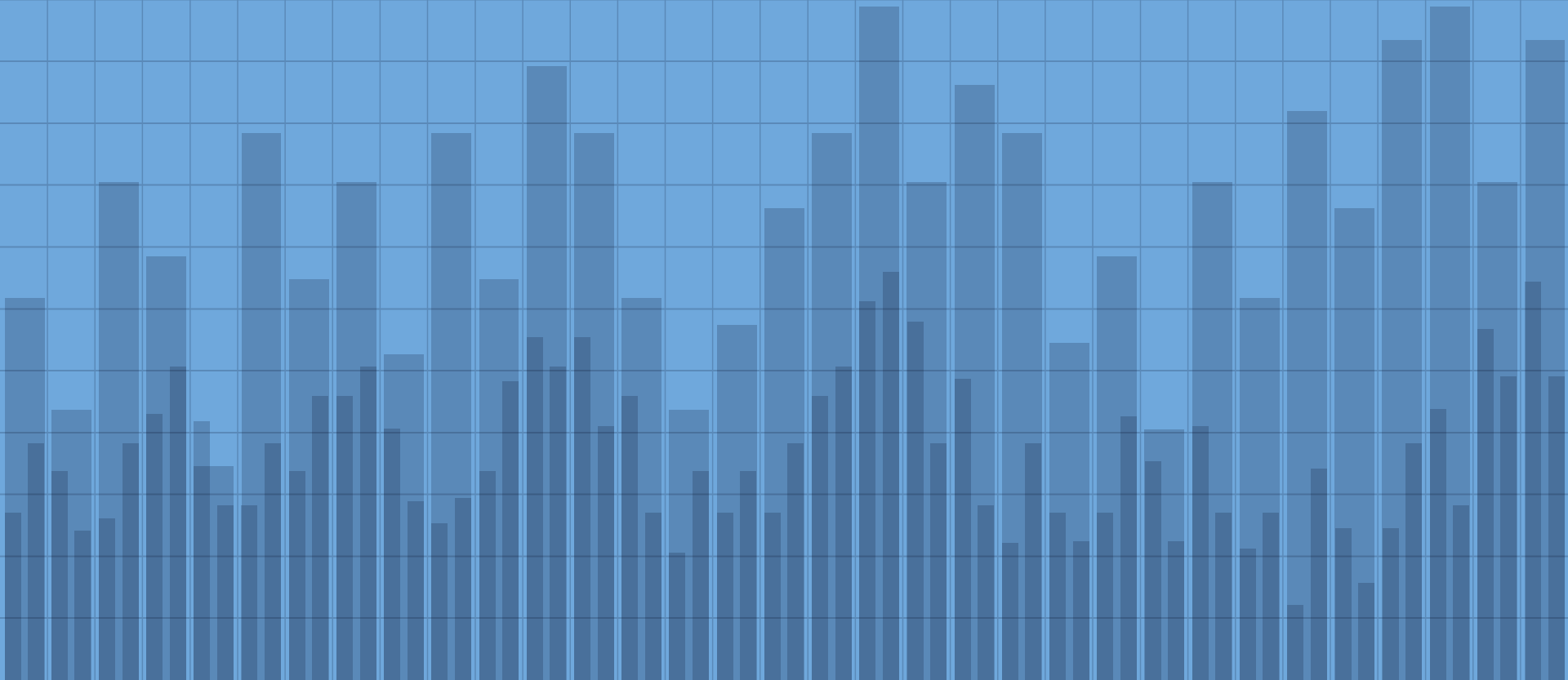
- ZTC Pathways? Case Studies
- Department Collaborations?
- Equity Funds?

SB 1359 at LPC

How can we get in Compliance with SB 1359?

What is our definition of low cost?

Let's begin the discussion!

*Please record your ideas on the sheets of paper.

Thank you!